CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council Chamber, Aug. 16th, 1873

The usual meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held at the Council Chamber last night, His Worship Mayor McCormick presiding, and present:—Aldermen Moffat, McDonald, McBride, McPhail, Brown, Murray, Starr, Egan, Shaw, Leonard, Cronyn, Christie, Rapley, Graydon, Williams, Partridge, and Partridge, jun.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed by the Mayor.

COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED.

From Messrs. A. Calder & Co., praying that a by-law be established to fix the rate of license for the contemplated omnibus line. Referred to License Committee.

From Mr. John Elliot and 30 others, praying that a tank for fire purposes be established at the corner of Ridout and Bathurst streets. Referred to Fire, Water & Gas Committee.

From Mr. Adam Murray, the County Treasurer, enclosing the following communication:—

FINANCE.

Ald. Cronyn, chairman, reported verbally that it had been the intention of the Committee to submit the annual estimates this evening, but owing to some details on the liability side of the statement not being sufficiently advanced it was postponed.

Ald. McDonald made enquiries regarding the bank account of the city, but was called to order by the chair, and the matter dropped.

RAILWAY.

Ald. Graydon, chairman, submitted the following report:—

Your committee report, that having considered the communication of the Grand Trunk Railroad in connection with increased railroad facility in this city, and also as regards their building a new station house on the northeast corner of Bathurst and Burwell streets equal to the demands or requirements of this city, and also to be commenced in this current year, would recommend that the application of the Grand Trunk Railway to carry their railway on a branch or siding thereof from lot 25 on the south side of East Bathurst street, across William and East Bathurst streets, and along the northern twenty feet of East Bathurst street, westerly to the southeastern corner of lot 17, on the north side of East Bathurst street, thence entering their intended passenger station yard, be granted, provided the said company shall first acquire title to the whole of the parts of the lots from 24 to 18 inclusive on the north side of East Bathurst street, lying south of their railway as it now is, and provided they shall build a passenger station and offices of brick on stone foundation, suitable and sufficient in all respects for their traffic and the convenience of the public on the block lying between Maitland and Burwell streets, and that a by-law in accordance with this resolution be prepared for the next meeting of the council.

The report was received and adopted.

THE HIDE INSPECTOR.

A petition from Messrs. Burnett and Elliott, requesting the erection of a building to be used as an office for the Hide Inspector, Mr. James Oliver was presented, and referred to the Market Committee.

THE BY-LAW

to permit the Grand Trunk Railway Company to carry their railway across and along certain streets to the extent of two feet in the city of London, was read a first time.

Previous to the second reading, the members of No. 5 Ward gave explanations relative to the feeling of the ratepayers who owned the property nearest to the place, which were satisfactory.

H. C. R. Becher, Esq., Q. C., addressed the Board in advocacy of granting four feet of land from the south-east angle of William street to the Company, leaving over thirteen feet for a clear road or street. He concluded by reading a letter from Mr. Brydges, Managing Director, giving details